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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 11 PPE Results Afternoon, Form Time Changes and Year 11 Photograph**

As part of our 'Year 11 Preparation for Exams' programme, I would like to inform you of our PPE Results Afternoon, along with some changes to Year 11 form time and the date of the Year 11 Photograph.

On Thursday 14 March 2019, Year 11 will be excused from normal timetabled lessons between 2.05 – 3.05pm, so they can receive the results of their recent PPEs and then complete reflection-based activities around their results, along with planning for the last 8 weeks before the exams start. The PPE result your child receives, will be a combination of their PPE grade achieved on the papers they sat, along with any coursework elements they have been working on. Students will be given more detailed information in assembly on Monday 11 March and in form time on the morning of Thursday 14 March. After taking part in the sessions, students will bring home a booklet that we feel will support them in the last 8 weeks, before the exams start. The booklet will contain information on how to deal with the pressure of exams, Revision Techniques and an Exams Planner. An electronic copy will be made available to parents via our school website.

For your information, GCSE written exams start on Monday 13 May 2019, but other components, such as Art, Drama, Food, Languages, PE and Photography will have examined elements before this date. Please check your son/daughter's exam timetable for the exact dates of their exams. We will write to you after the Spring Break with more detailed information on the exams period.

From Monday 4 March 2019, Year 11 assembly has moved from a Friday to a Monday, in order to focus Year 11 on the week ahead and highlight the many intervention and revision sessions that are taking place in school. We have also moved all Year 11 form classes to IT rooms for form time, so students can use the 15 minutes in the morning to complete tasks as set by the English, Maths and Science Departments using on line learning. So far, the vast majority of students have been very engaged in using this time to complete the extra tasks set. We will be completing regular drop-in's to form time to ensure all students are working on the tasks and will inform you if we have a concern regarding your son/daughter's attitude to learning in this time.

Please also be aware of a change to the date of the Year 11 photograph from Tuesday 12 March to Tuesday 19 March. The photograph will be taken first thing in the morning, meaning students will not any lesson time. Further information will be provided to students on Friday morning. We have also informed Year 11 that we will be sending the next Prom update out to parents before we finish for the Spring Break.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter or feel your child needs extra support or guidance in the final few weeks, please contact the Key Stage 4 Pastoral Team via [year11admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk](mailto:year11admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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